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U.S. AMBASSADOR HOPES U.S. TURKISH PARTNERSHIP WILL BE RESTORED

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM MACOMBER JR. TODAY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE U.S. TURKISH PARTNERSHIP, UNSETTLED RECENTLY, WILL BE RESTORED "AND THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE FREE WORLD GENERALLY WILL BE STRONGER AND SAFER BECAUSE OF IT."

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SPOKE AT A LUNCHEON MEETING SPONSORED BY THE TURKISH INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN ASSOCIATION AT ISTANBUL'S INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. IN HIS REMARKS AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY,

"CONGLOMERATE OF EFFORTS...AN ELEMENT IN THE WORLD STRATEGIC BALANCE. TO KEEP THAT ELEMENT INTACT AND VIBRANT IS IMPORTANT TO WORLD STABILITY AND TO THE SECURITY OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES."

UNDERSCORING THE U.S. PERCEPTION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF A RELATIONSHIP
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WITH TURKEY, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AMERICAN INTERESTS WOULD NOT CHANGE "SIMPLY BECAUSE A NEW PRESIDENT MOVES INTO THE WHITE HOUSE, AS MR. CARTER WILL BE DOING FIVE DAYS FROM TODAY."

"AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST" HE SAID "HAVE REMAINED BASICALLY CONSTANT SINCE WORLD WAR II AND I DO NOT EXPECT PERCEPTIONS OF THAT

INTEREST TO CHANGE IN ANY BASIC WAY IN THE FOUR YEARS AHEAD."

MR. MACOMBER ALSO MADE THESE POINTS IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS:

DETENTE: IF DEFINED PROPERLY AS "A RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN POWER BLOCKS IN THE WORLD, HOW CAN ANYBODY BE AGAINST IT?... THE ESSENTIAL TASK IS TO CONTINUE TO MOVE AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION TOWARDS NEGOTIATION AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO REMEMBER THAT THIS MOVE CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF WE REMAIN STRONG."

ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, "THERE IS REASON TO HOPE THAT WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY ALTHOUGH SLOWED, WILL CONTINUE..

IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, (RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS) MUST TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THIS RECOVERY."

ENERGY: "THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION WHICH WE MUST PURSUE WITH GREAT URGENCY, IS TO DIVERSIFY SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF ENERGY."

NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS: A "NEW BALANCE" IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND LIBERAL MARKET ACCESS--NOT AUTOMATIC RESOURCE-TRANSFER DEVICES. TURKEY MAY HAVE AN "IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY AS A BRIDGE OF IDEAS" IN THIS EFFORT.

FOOD: DESPITE GOOD HARVESTS DURING 1976, "UNDERLYING STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN THE GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM REMAIN."

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TURKEY IN THIS FIELD ALSO HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO CONTRIBUTE.

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